

- Please expand S. B, 176 to lift the caps on commercial and community solar for the following reasons
- Economic Opportunity: Enables small and large businesses to lower their electric costs and earn revenue by generating electricity on their roof and parking lot.
- Jobs: Local solar projects create local jobs and boost the local economy both directly and indirectly.
- Meet our Clean Energy Goals: Commercial and community solar can play a significant role in meeting the state's clean energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals. Without them, we will be forced to rely on centralized, grid-scale arrays, many of them from out-of-state, and on extending Millstone nuclear.
- Equity: Commercial and community solar directly benefit underserved and vulnerable populations through lower energy costs and economic development.
- More resilient, lower cost grid: Commercial and community solar are both "distributed" energy resources and make the electric grid more resilient, equitable and less costly

Thank you,  
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